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## Firefighters contain flames in Benton County

Richland, Wash.—Area fire crews have contained a natural cover fire in southern Benton County near Hover Park (southeast of Finley along the Columbia River). Current estimates indicate the fire burned approximately 350 acres. Nearly 60 firefighters from Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties responded. In addition, a single-engine air tanker helped to control the flames.

No structures were damaged nor were there any injuries.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. Some crews plan to remain on the scene overnight to monitor for any potential flare ups.

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